

News Release

CONSUMER SEMINARS ON MEDICARE DRUG BENEFIT SCHEDULED AROUND KENTUCKY IN OCTOBER, NOVEMBER

State, federal agencies team to provide information, answer questions

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Sept. 23, 2005) – Nine consumer seminars on the new Medicare prescription drug benefit program are being sponsored around the state in October and November by the Kentucky Office of Insurance (KOI).

The seminars will include detailed information about the new drug benefit program, also known as Medicare Part D. In addition to KOI, participants include representatives from the Social Security Administration, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Medicare Partners, Health Care Excel, the State Health Insurance Assistance Program and others.

Assistance with the cost of Medicare Part D may be available to qualified seniors. The Social Security Administration will be accepting applications for this extra help at the seminars. Those interested in applying should bring documentation of income and resources. This may include bank and investment statements, life insurance policies, stock certificates, tax returns, pension award letters and payroll slips. More information and a worksheet from Social Security are available on the KOI Web site at <http://insurance.ky.gov/kentucky/>. (Look under What's New.)

The Medicare Part D session schedule is:

Oct. 4	Kincaid Lake State Park, 565 Kincaid Park Rd., Falmouth
Oct. 6	Center for Rural Development, 2292 U.S. 27 South, Somerset
Oct. 11	Anderson County Community Room, Anderson County Park, 1026 County Park Rd., Lawrenceburg
Oct. 13	Morehead State University, Button Auditorium, 150 University Blvd., Morehead
Oct. 18	Robert Cherry Civic Center, 2701 Park Ave., Paducah
Oct. 19	Holiday Inn, 2810 Fort Campbell Blvd., Hopkinsville
Nov. 1	The Hal Rogers Center, 101 Bulldog Lane, Hazard
Nov. 2	Pikeville College, Record Memorial Building Auditorium, Level Five, 147 Sycamore St., Pikeville
Nov. 8	Paraquet Springs, 396 Paraquet Springs Dr., Shepherdsville

The programs are free and will be held from 9:30 -11:30 a.m. (local time). For more information, call (800) 595-6053, ext. 4271, 4342 or 4322.

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